



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1985

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#### Introduction

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#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal (a) (000 tonnes)	Iron ore (a) (000 tonnes)	Lead (b) (000 tonnes)	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel (000 tonnes)		Cement (000 tonnes)		Motor vehicles (d) (000)		Electric motors under 720W (000)	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
January	6,607		32.1	8,492	9,363	28,801	35,497	521	501	244	369	12.3	37.7	100	255
February	10,268	20,789	38.1	8,795	9,427	33,034	37,732	470	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,491		33.6	9,354	9,556	32,294	37,165	519	520	471	442	37.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,915		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	26.7	31.8	15.2	183	152
May	11,837	22,793	39.2	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	541	517	503	459	39.5	32.8	152	165
June	10,840		35.7	10,174	9,379	42,335	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194
1984-85—															
July	11,305		41.9	11,308	9,755	46,095	36,456	565	522	482	453	37.9	33.2	194	190
August	11,798	22,580	39.7	10,726	9,624	42,394	36,793	535	506	503	475	40.6	34.0	231	192
September	11,019		38.3	9,789	9,874	41,307	39,380	534	572	471	472	35.8	34.9	175	144
October	12,981		40.3	9,722	9,729	38,541	39,545	546	547	488	470	37.6	33.2	199	160
November	12,247	22,560	39.1	9,356	9,832	36,452	39,224	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	228	191
December	7,292		38.8	9,227	9,933	33,538	41,092	552	560	427	440	29.4	34.9	151	152
January	8,581		35.6	9,383	9,840	31,802	38,957	511	497	330	500	11.8	14.8	88	210
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,806	9,840	32,890	39,109	451	488	444	457	31.5	32.8	190	201
March	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,860	10,137	35,867	37,807	537	524	477	451	35.6	33.1	196	190

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. twilling) '000 sq.m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq.m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq.m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by farmers(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
January	869	2,490	565	929	5,337	13,677	140	162	383.8	551	473	34,361	74.6		
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	920	12,899	13,069	166	164	385.0	440	492	44,289	75.8	34,389	34,391
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	166	163	386.1	381	505	48,080	73.0		
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,685	74.8		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,872	175	161	390.3	293	535	35,264	77.8	(e)35,196	(e)35,308
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,377	76.8		
1984-85—															
July	3,467	3,412	812	819	14,142	12,405	178	174	395.0	p344	p518	p43,878	p80.0		
August	3,169	2,646	866	846	14,695	12,979	171	165	397.0	p493	p489	p82,222	p81.8	36,379	36,195
September	3,462	3,046	811	868	14,109	13,443	155	147	398.2	p640	p483	p104,181	p81.3		
October	2,973	2,639	877	698	14,828	13,164	171	148	399.4	p768	p466	p127,815	p79.9		
November	3,186	3,084	1,083	862	14,216	12,885	p164	p161	p399.6	p743	p487	p106,568	p77.2	36,787	36,857
December	2,767	3,423	623	762	10,845	13,600	p134	p153	p400.8	p687	p499	p58,644	p77.5		
January	685	1,890	555	831	3,136	7,712	p153	p162	n.y.a.	p599	p516	p51,369	p82.9		
February	2,766	2,920	976	898	12,840	13,477	p154	p161	n.y.a.	p437	p508	p47,838	p77.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	3,850	3,237	912	865	13,254	12,312	p183	p187	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1983-84 —									
January	2,120	1,956			207		-455	292	12,796
February	2,006	2,012	5,037	4,835	206	113.1	-639	366	12,373
March	2,103	2,130			205		-680	146	12,241
April	1,990	1,649			205		-223	141	12,217
May	2,143	2,559	5,064	5,062	206	114.6	-1,070	985	12,297
June	2,472	2,253			209		-658	113	12,417
1984-85 —									
July	2,454	2,471			213		-1,088	1,157	12,632
August	2,296	2,625	5,453	5,532	214	119.9	-966	1,210	12,618
September	2,547	2,158			214		-772	503	12,431
October	2,317	2,608			213		-1,171	932	12,024
November	2,536	2,455	5,318	5,474	211	119.6	-831	1,054	12,066
December	2,123	1,836			p212		-917	741	12,058
January	2,208	2,373			p214		-1,208	1,062	11,918
February	2,311	2,236	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-589	754	13,115
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-717	354	13,130

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month

# INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1983-84														
January	3,385	3,667							31.6	38.0	10.0	12.3		
February	3,174	3,664	5,397	5,459	3,223	3,655	1,770	1,889	37.4	38.5	12.2	12.2		
March	3,641	3,675							42.8	40.7	14.4	12.8		
April	3,457	3,701							34.7	39.1	11.6	12.5		
May	3,807	3,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.0	14.8	13.2		
June	3,540	3,703							42.9	40.9	14.6	13.3		
1984-85														
July	3,600	3,804							42.3	40.3	15.3	13.9		
August	3,707	3,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.5	37.4	14.4	13.3		
September	3,563	3,785							37.7	40.7	11.5	13.0		
October	3,865	3,864							43.5	42.5	13.3	13.1		
November	4,081	3,902	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	41.4	12.5	13.2		
December	5,186	3,922							39.4	41.2	11.3	12.6		
January	3,817	4,021							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.3		
February	3,538	3,973	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.5	47.5	12.8	13.8		
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p48.8	p48.5	p15.7	p14.4		

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory  
truck type vehicles and buses

(b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(c) C comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Award rates of pay index: adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
<b>1983-84—</b>													
January			194.0										
February	370.60	246.50	194.3	(b) 05	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			194.3										
April			202.4										
May	383.80	257.10	202.5	1.11	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
June			202.5										
<b>1984-85—</b>													
July			202.5										
August	386.20	256.20	202.5	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7
September			202.6										
October			202.6										
November	389.50	255.10	202.6	1.22	135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
December			202.6										
January			202.6										
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	202.6	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5
March			n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0. (b) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6330.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$mK)			
										Materials used in house building(a)	Materials used in building other than house building(b)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>1983-84</b>															
December	898.3	967.9	12.0	13.2	195.2					r442.0	r147.1				
January	759.0	953.7	9.9	12.4	180.3					r445.0	r147.5				
February	957.8	1,036.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.8	r450.3	r148.4	740.9	869.7	2,395.8	2,761.5
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					r456.4	r149.2				
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					r458.2	r150.2				
May	1,308.9	1,125.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,588.6	3,546.5	38.0	37.6	r462.0	r150.9	907.6	885.2	3,146.8	2,884.8
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					r465.1	r151.5				
<b>1984-85</b>															
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					r467.4	r151.8				
August	1,235.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	p3,546.4	p3,369.5	p40.3	p38.4	r469.5	r152.2	867.7	863.3	2,767.1	2,824.4
September	1,007.0	1,054.3	12.4	12.6	156.5					r471.5	r152.8				
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					r474.7	p153.5				
November	1,447.0	1,356.1	14.6	14.0	347.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r476.0	r154.1	1,139.8	1,020.9	3,069.4	2,922.2
December	1,247.4	1,388.8	11.9	13.4	333.0					p477.1	r154.5				
January	983.1	1,193.3	11.6	13.9	151.8					p478.4	p154.9				
February	1,143.4	1,290.8	12.3	13.5	149.3					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies lenders (d)					
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m					
1983-84—												
January	33,861	33,451	32,554	32,576	25,351	25,576	483	274	122	12.05		4,420
February	34,308	33,614	32,999	32,777	25,280	25,793	627	340	145	12.35	155.6	4,230
March	33,899	33,724	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	600	368	155	12.70		4,381
April	33,255	33,784	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	516	324	133	12.45		6,488
May	33,745	34,075	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	635	374	152	12.55	731.5	6,114
June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	567	300	136	12.20		5,052
1984-85—												
July	(f)34,077	(f)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	(g)590	(g)330	(g)117	12.10		4,241
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	678	336	117	11.15	1,457.8	4,799
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	630	285	112	11.85		3,875
October	34,982	35,161	35,714	35,604	28,212	27,865	784	315	128	12.10		4,129
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,202	28,098	745	334	111	12.50	461.6	4,634
December	36,078	35,715	37,063	36,799	28,875	28,735	598	276	94	12.90		4,259
January	36,101	35,662	38,006	38,049	29,357	29,619	702	302	98	12.50		n.y.a.
February	36,516	35,740	38,628	38,733	29,565	30,167	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.20	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39,009	38,578	30,516	30,855	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.65		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non- rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank. (g) From July 1984 the continuity of this series is affected by changes in coverage. For further information see the July 1984 to September 1984 issues of *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0)

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure						Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
1983-84—																		
September	43,285	44,389	1,481	2,412	41,804	41,977	27,337	27,475	7,250	7,382	5,869	5,984	3,480	3,704				
December	50,839	45,941	4,645	2,395	46,194	43,546	29,892	28,188	7,903	7,643	6,740	6,383	3,571	3,505				
March	45,771	47,668	2,311	2,400	43,460	45,268	27,843	28,881	7,538	8,046	5,693	6,331	3,539	4,018				
June	47,510	49,395	1,111	2,388	46,399	47,007	28,916	29,311	8,652	8,269	7,336	6,990	4,187	3,637				
1984-85—																		
September	48,719	49,789	1,435	2,208	47,284	47,581	29,594	29,871	8,607	8,759	6,562	6,621	3,951	4,207				
December	55,890	50,747	4,567	2,234	51,323	48,513	32,337	30,533	9,026	8,740	7,278	6,879	4,413	4,230				
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																		
1983-84—																		
September	30,793	31,531	1,536	2,161	29,257	29,370	19,479	19,605	5,127	5,218	4,209	4,284	2,373	2,522				
December	35,721	32,023	3,907	2,112	31,814	29,911	20,901	19,683	5,307	5,180	4,748	4,512	2,431	2,320				
March	31,218	32,544	1,968	2,096	29,250	30,448	19,124	19,878	5,133	5,425	4,031	4,470	2,326	2,640				
June	31,639	33,229	1,170	2,223	30,469	31,006	19,646	19,876	5,648	5,403	5,056	4,819	2,688	2,335				
1984-85—																		
September	32,385	33,073	1,542	2,054	30,843	31,019	19,779	20,002	5,599	5,692	4,460	4,488	2,519	2,681				
December	37,177	33,485	3,835	2,039	33,342	31,446	21,450	20,214	5,743	5,613	4,840	4,596	2,791	2,673				
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																		
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income				
					Companies		Other											
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1983-84—																		
September	7,396	7,086	6,528	6,467	5,232	5,266	9,794	10,333	23,049	23,245	497	13,117	5,242	31,421				
December	7,153	7,321	6,907	6,891	6,298	5,424	13,442	10,487	25,383	24,312	3,410	15,606	5,645	38,754				
March	7,626	7,736	6,980	7,110	5,629	6,380	10,316	10,843	23,844	24,524	1,202	13,303	7,097	31,252				
June	8,176	8,228	7,373	7,224	6,026	6,179	8,955	10,983	25,932	25,961	25	16,109	10,863	31,203				
1984-85—																		
September	9,698	9,286	8,017	8,070	6,093	6,136	10,855	11,163	25,935	26,265	327	15,110	7,093	34,280				
December	8,970	9,189	7,703	7,764	7,286	6,321	14,553	11,404	27,879	26,850	3,200	17,514	6,898	41,695				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ( ' 000 )								UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ( ' 000 )				JOB VACANCIES ( ' 000 )	
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1983-84—													
January	4,402.1	4,388.5	2,569.9	2,659.5	6,972.0	7,048.0	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4	(c) 44.3
February	4,436.2	4,400.6	2,668.0	2,660.9	7,104.2	7,061.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2	
March	4,457.1	4,434.2	2,748.2	2,591.5	7,205.3	7,125.7	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0	
April	4,422.2	4,430.7	2,733.5	2,723.9	7,155.8	7,154.6	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	676.7	
May	4,421.5	4,427.9	2,706.1	2,698.9	7,127.5	7,126.8	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8	637.0	34.8
June	4,417.2	4,438.8	2,715.7	2,723.6	7,132.8	7,162.4	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	634.1	
1984-85—													
July	4,422.3	4,435.3	2,699.5	2,712.3	7,121.8	7,147.6	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7	37.6
August	4,393.9	4,435.5	2,673.0	2,701.3	7,066.9	7,136.8	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	223.1	604.6	
September	4,435.8	4,422.4	2,758.4	2,735.7	7,194.2	7,158.1	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5	621.3	39.8
October	4,402.2	4,413.3	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,134.7	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7	578.8	
November	4,397.2	4,427.0	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,163.1	321.4	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2	571.3	
December	4,462.6	4,416.1	2,788.1	2,744.6	7,250.7	7,160.7	345.3	181.8	100.0	375.1	252.1	627.1	
January	4,433.3	4,424.3	2,661.7	2,759.4	7,095.0	7,183.7	376.2	196.4	84.9	404.9	252.7	657.6	55.0
February	4,462.9	4,432.0	2,787.0	2,785.3	7,249.9	7,217.2	369.0	207.4	97.2	390.4	283.2	673.6	
March	4,471.0	4,448.4	2,836.4	2,779.3	7,307.4	7,227.7	362.6	193.8	115.5	389.7	282.3	672.0	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Job Vacancies, Australia, February 1984* (6231.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6236.0).

#### EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a)

##### PERSONS ( ' 000 )

Month	Australia												
	Government												
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(b)	Local	Total
1983—													
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3	1,630.8
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3	1,592.4
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3	1,626.8
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1	1,655.4
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,427.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.5	1,664.2
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8	1,656.8
June	1,806.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3	1,678.9
1984—													
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	106.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	154.2	1,678.1
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5	1,680.5
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3	1,676.6
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9	1,683.6
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,100.2	153.2	1,679.3
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	152.9	1,663.3

(a) New Series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6236.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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